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1. The Bureau of State Security (政范保衛局) of North Korea is an independent agency not included under the Ministry of Interior nor any other government division. It is even free from interference from the North Korean army, and, in fact, exercises political surveillance over that organization.* When the Bureau was given an independent position, KANG Chin (姜進) replaced KIM Kang (金剛) as its chief.
2. A new branch of the State Security Bureau, subordinate to the national headquarters at Pyongyang, was established at Hamchonjom (126-24, 38-20) about the end of October 1949. Its function is to control the 38th Parallel area and work into South Korea. Head of the new branch is KIM Chong-yol (金貞烈), a colonel in the Police Constabulary.
3. The branch bureau operations into South Korea were enlarged during November 1949, and a chief was appointed for a projected branch in South Korea. This is YO Chun-ku (楊振九), formerly executive director in South Korea for intelligence for the North Korean Labor Party; he is a nephew of the late YO Un-hyong (楊遠亨).** YO returned to North Korea in summer 1949 but is expected to take up his new work in South Korea by early 1950.
4. Liaison between members of the Bureau in North and South Korea is constant. When a South Korean member enters North Korea, he can communicate directly and immediately with KIM Chong-yol by going into Chongongnai (127-04, 38-02) and calling long distance to Hamchon #13. KIM is also in direct communication with KANG Chin.

25X1 Comment: The position and organization of the Bureau of State Security are similar to those of the NKVD (sic) in the USSR.

25X1 Comment: "NKVD" is a generic term applied indiscriminately to all intelligence and security organizations of the USSR. The actual resemblance is probably to MGB.

25X1 Comment: KIM Kang was reported as a division commander in the North Korean People's Army in 1947.

25X1 Comment: YO Un-hyong (LYUH Woon-hyung) was a leftist leader in South Korea, first of the People's Republic Party, then of the more moderate People's Party.

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